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SOLIDITY OF ENTENTE IS PROVED FACT

Dr. Colby on This Phase of European War.

CONDITIONS MUCH CHANGED

Germany Expected that League of the Allies Would Not Continue Throughout.

One of the best of the lectures yet delivered by Dr. Colby in the series of Europe at War which he is giving at the Royal Victoria College was that of yesterday, when the speaker dealt with the Solidity of the Entente.

To quote Dr. Colby, "One of the first steps which was taken by the governments of the Entente after the declaration of war was to enter into a definite agreement under which each promised that it would not conclude a separate peace. The document in question was signed at London on September 4th, and its text runs as follows:

"The undersigned duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, hereby declare as follows:—The British, French and Russian Governments mutually agree not to conclude peace separately during the present war. The three Governments agree that when terms of peace come to be discussed, no one of the Allies will demand terms of peace without the previous agreement of each of the other Allies." The names appended to this momentous compact are for England, Grey; for France, Paul Cambon and Delcasse; for Russia, Count Benckendorff."

Since that date Italy has entered the war, and has also attached her name to this agreement.

Historians from their familiarity with such alliances in the past have come to take them with a grain of salt, and even to look upon them as a matter of form and things which are more apt to be broken than kept. The experience of historians with this question amply illustrates the saying that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Sometimes the cause of default by one of the parties is physical exhaustion, but more often it is selfishness. The Germans evidently expected to be able to detach France from Russia at some stage of the game, a result which would have had many precedents. This, however, was defeated by the resentment which the Huns awakened in Europe against themselves.

Dr. Colby then cited a couple of instances of breach of faith by nations in such agreements, the first of which was that exhibited by France in the interval between the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (1748), and the outbreak of the Seven Years' War (1756), when she went over to the side of Austria after fighting with Prussia against Austria and England. The move brought about a combination between Prussia and England. The second and more striking example occurred during the Seven Years' War. Austria, France and Russia were leagued against Prussia and England. Russia, however, after the death of Elizabeth, who was a strong opponent of Frederick of Prussia, swung around to the side of the Germans, enabling them to live through the war. England, who had been on very friendly relations with Prussia during the lifetime of Pitt, broke off these relations after his fall. This case is particularly interesting because it involves the same nations as are concerned in the present struggle.

However, the conditions to-day are very much changed. Russia, though an autocracy in form, is really much less autocratic than it was in the eighteenth century. The people themselves are pledged to continue the war, and there does not seem to be much chance of any sudden turnover. More than this, the different commanders are working in conjunction and are reposing mutual trust everyone in the others. Dissension has been the bugbear of joint operations in many past wars. In the Seven Years' War Frederick the Great was often saved by the belligerence of the Russian and Austrian commanders. Napoleon also profited greatly by the mutual jealousies and recriminations of Blucher and Schwarzenberg.

These are some of the inherent difficulties in conducting a war such as the present one. But it is not only amongst the generals and the diplomats that there must be good feeling. The people themselves must be.

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HAS GONE TO THE FRONT.



LIEUT. "CHUCK" WATEROUS.

GEOFFREY THOMPSON KILLED IN ACTION

Graduate of Science '14 Was With Tunnelling Company of Royal Engineers.

Sir William Peterson, Principal of the University, has received word that 2nd Lieut. Geoffrey Thompson, a graduate of the Faculty of Applied Science of the class of '14, was killed in action on the Somme front on September 3, through the explosion of a German shell while he was engaged in his work with a party of Royal Engineers. 2nd Lieut. Thompson was the younger son of A. C. Thompson, of Cheltenham, Weybridge, England, general manager of the Prudential Assurance Company. He was born in London in 1889, and attended Berkhamsted school before he came to McGill to enter the class of Science '14. Following graduation, 2nd Lieut. Thompson was engaged as assistant engineer of the Burmese Mining Company, and when war broke out, secured a commission in the 2nd Sappers and Miners of the Royal Engineers. After being stationed for almost a year in the vicinity of Albert, he was killed on September 3. An only brother, Lieut. Harold Thompson, of the Northamptonshire Regiment, was killed on May 9, 1915. 2nd Lieut. Thompson was well and favourably known, not only among members of the student body, but also among the members of the teaching staff of his Faculty.

Walter Lumsden.

Walter Lumsden, of Hamilton, who took his Arts course at McGill, and was graduated in '12, is officially reported as killed in action. After he left McGill he entered Osgoode Hall in Toronto, and finished his law course there last spring. He enlisted at once and proceeded to France two months ago.

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MORE STRENGTH FOR THE HOCKEY SQUAD.

There will evidently be a fight for positions on the McGill senior hockey team in the City League this winter. Already there are a number of promising men out training with the veterans of last year's team, and yesterday "Sig" Slater and Pat McGee, two of the Victoria's most consistent players registered as partial students in the Department of Commercial Studies, and will be eligible for places on the senior squad. Slater was carried by the Victorias as spare man last year, while McGee is quite well known as a defense player. The two are the most promising graduates of the Victoria's junior team in recent years. Slater is a Lower Canada College man, while McGee comes from the Montreal High School.

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THEOLOGS AT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Question of Proposed Amalgamation is Raised.

WILL HOLD ELECTIONS.

New Faculty Representatives Will be Returned at Elections on December 11.

The question of incorporation of the Theological students in the Students' Society of the University was formally brought to the notice of the Students' Council at its meeting in the Union last night, when a delegation from the Theological Students Society composed of Messrs. Withey, Taylor and Cuming, waited upon the Council and opened negotiations with a view to effecting the proposed amalgamation. Several points of interest were brought up during the discussion, and the matter was finally settled for the time being by an agreement that the executive of the Theological Students' Society take the proposed measure up with the students of the Affiliated Colleges, and also with the governing body of the Colleges. This accomplished, application will be made to the students' Council for permission to become affiliated with the Students' Society on the basis upon which ordinary members are now admitted. Those members of the Council who were present at the meeting were F. B. Common, M.A., president; D. C. Smelzer, Track club; R. J. Clarke, Arts representative; W. H. Gerrie, Athletic Association; H. R. Morgan, McGill Union, and S. J. W. Liddy, Science representative.

Elective of Faculty representatives to the Students' Council in place of the present Faculty representatives whose terms end on January 1, will take place on December 11, the Council decided. Nominations signed by 25 students of the various Faculties concerned must be handed in by December 1, and the elections will take place on the date mentioned. The newly-elected members of the Council will take office on January 1. They must be members of the present Junior year.

An application from the 244th Battalion, "Kitchener's Own," for the use of the Campus Rink on certain hours was read. The application was granted on the condition that payment be made to cover expenses.

The Students' Orchestra was given permission to enlist recruits for the Orchestra from among students of the Royal Victoria College. The opinion was expressed that such a move would serve as an incentive for other musically-inclined students to turn out with the Orchestra. The latter is in need of a number of players.

A statement of the week's financial operations was presented.

In opening his remarks addressed to the delegation from the Theological Colleges, Mr. Common dwelt chiefly on the fact that any negotiations now conducted would be dependent upon obtaining a satisfactory opinion from Corporation with regard to the measure. The meeting was being held for the purpose of discussing the matter in an informal way, and to raise any points which might prove insurmountable in bringing about the desired end. The Theological students would have to become members of the Students' Society on the present basis, and it was doubtful if any exception could be made to this rule.

Mr. Withey reported that at a meeting of the executive of the Theological Students' Society, the question of the proposed affiliation had been raised, and the general feeling was very much in favour of amalgamation. At the present time any man taking ten hours' work in Theology was eligible for membership in the Theological Students' Society, and this means, he said, that men in attendance at any of the colleges might withdraw from joining the Society. The measure would have to be universal among all the Theological students.

Mr. Withey brought out the interesting fact that there were several classes of students attending the Theological Colleges, some of whom had not even passed the matriculation examinations. The financial difficulty was also one to be remembered.

Mr. Gerrie brought up the question of participation of the Theological students in athletics. Mr. Withey stated that in his opinion the Theological Students would demand the same recognition in the matter of granting of M's as was accorded the other students of the University.



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Another McGill man has been rewarded with companionship in the Distinguished Service Order for the gallantry displayed by him in the recent operations in which the Canadians have taken part on the Somme. He is Major Lawrence Victor Moore Cosgrave, past student with the class of Science '14, and a graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston. Major Cosgrave has been awarded the D.S.O. for carrying out several reconnaissances under very heavy fire, and exploring the enemy's wire in daylight, displaying the greatest courage and ability.

Major Cosgrave was an officer in the Mississauga Horse of Toronto when he enlisted in the Artillery soon after war was declared. He has risen to the rank of major, and has been adjutant to General E. W. B. Morrison, of the 6th Canadian Howitzer Brigade. In 1912 he entered the class of Science '14, after being graduated from R.M.C. He is a son of Lawrence Cosgrave, Toronto, and was born in that city on August 28, 1890. Last January he was a principal in a unique military wedding at Folkestone, England, when he was united to Miss Beryl Hunter-Jones, of Toronto. The wedding party left the church on a gun carriage.

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The lessons taught by "The Birth of a Nation" are far-reaching, as they include patriotism, fighting, self-control and working things on a big scale. When Mr. D. W. Griffiths received this idea it would be impossible to say what his idea of the completed product was. In all probability Mr. Griffiths did not know just what kind of a picture he was going to make even after he was well started. The basis of the story was taken from the Rev. Thomas Dixon's novel "The Clansman," to which has been added numerous historical episodes of interest and educational character, the details of which were carefully studied out from historical paintings and private records of these events. Combining this with an ingenuity never before known in the moving picture world, Griffiths built a spectacle that is stupendous in its proportions, yet which is absorbingly interesting because of two very decided love stories that run throughout the picture. We have had spectacles—war spectacles, spectacles of ancient Rome and other kinds, but they all lack the vital touch of heart interest, which is the life blood of any story, be it novel or photo play.

An orchestra of 25 musicians which exceeds in quality anything that has ever before accompanied "The Birth of a Nation" in Montreal, is now with the picture at the St. Denis.

The effects, during the battle scenes, and the charges of the "Klux-Klan," are hair raising and magnificent at the same time. The enterprise and far sightedness of the management that will go to the expense of providing for an immense eleven reel feature such as "The Birth of a Nation," with French and English titles has never before been equalled in Montreal, nor even approached. Few people realize the expense that is involved in making a single title, and when one appreciates the fact that there are nearly two thousand feet of French titles in "The Birth of a Nation," they have only a faint understanding of what an undertaking it is. The St. Denis Theatre has done this for the first time in the entire world, and also as an innovation introduced this picture to Montreal at prices ranging from ten cents upwards—hitherto the lowest price for the poorest seat has been 25 cents. This is something that should not be overlooked by the "Average Person."

"Eugenically Speaking" was another good satire, but, as usual, with satires, inclined to be a little far-fetched. The only really serious piece of the evening was that entitled "In April," and that was touching enough for the impression to remain for a long time.

The acting was of a splendid quality. It was, in fact, satire, served to suit, with a fine sauce of comedy.

UNION HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The regular meeting of the Union House Committee will be held at the Union to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

THE PRINCESS.

Satires—and good ones—describes the efforts of the Washington Square Players of New York, playing at the Princess this week. It is not a frequent occurrence to get a medley of playlets, such as these, that give light amusement and at the same time more or less reality and interest.

The "Roadhouse in Arden," an oddity of quaintness, was a rather amusing conception of the controversy as to the author of Shakespeare's plays. Sir Francis Bacon and Shakespeare appear as unwelcome suitors of "Mistress Immortality," only to have that illusive maiden fly to the Forest of Arden, where she escapes with "Youth." This playlet was an impossibility, but rather well thought out and original. Some very clever sayings were heard from Shakespeare. Miss Mathew made a charming "Mistress Immortality."

"A Miracle of St. Anthony," was the richest piece of the evening, its satire being of the very highest order. There were several laugh-getters in this act, the droll actions of Albert Tilburne, as the Doctor, as he examines the "Blessed St. Anthony," to determine what must be wrong with a man who insists on resurrecting a deceased person after the third day is a masterful bit of mimicry of the old practitioner. Maxwell Parry, as the "Blessed St. Anthony," had a heavy part which he carried through faultlessly. Some of the action appears far too obvious, but seems to enhance the production rather than detract from it. The satire was a bit too thick in parts. "Helena's Husband" was an historical comedy, built around ancient Sparta, with the costumes and settings of that day, but the language and the manners of the present time. It was a queer mixture, and one that convulsed the audience on many occasions. The expressions of the King of Sparta were in fact, ultra-modern, and his quotations borrowed from President Wilson and some of the prominent Americans of to-day were so pertinent that they could not fail to make a hit.

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A meeting of the Electric Club will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Room 5 of the Engineering Building.

MAJOR GENDRON SAW MCGILL MEN OVERSEAS

Now Attached to R. C. E., After Having Been Twice on List of Wounded.

Wearing the two gold braids emblematic of having been twice on the casualty list on active service, Major J. Ferdinand E. Gendron, Sci. '15, late of the First Field Company, Canadian Engineers, and of the 2nd Canadian Pioneer Battalion, and now Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Engineers, was a caller at the McGill Union yesterday. Major Gendron has been invalided home for the second time since the war began, and has been transferred to the Canadian permanent force, reverting to the rank of Lieutenant. He will be engaged in instructional duty in Canada, and will be stationed at Quebec.

Major Gendron, a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, and a third year student in Applied Science at McGill, was one of the first to volunteer his services when the call was made for Canadians to enlist in August, 1914. He was attached to the First Field Company of the Canadian Engineers, and went to France with this unit in February, 1915. In the following June he was wounded at Festubert, and was invalided back to Canada. While here he rejoined the colours as a company commander in the 2nd Canadian Pioneers, and again went to France. In August last he was promoted to the rank of major, and a short time afterwards was injured at Thiepval on the Somme front through the explosion of a shell nearby, which put him in the hospital for five weeks with concussion.

Major Gendron spoke hopefully to McGill Daily of the operations on the Somme, but explained that he did not believe that it was the aim of the Allies to smash a way through the German line, but rather to wear them down and cause as severe losses as possible without allowing them to shorten their line or bring up reinforcements. The Allies could make a general advance, but the cost in men would be too great.

The returned officer spoke of many McGill men whom he had met at college and again seen at the front. Among these were Major W. B. McTaggart, Sci. '15; Capt. "Pont" Armour, Lieut. J. K. M. Green, now on staff duty in England; Lieut. J. B. Macphail; Lieut. M. O'Halloran; Lieut. "Chuck" Waterous, Lieut. V. E. Duclos, Lieut. Dennis Baker, Capt. Otto Demuth, Lieut. J. D. McCall, Sapper Eddie Lyons, Corp. Ewen MacEwen, Lieut. Eberts and George Laing. He was with Lieut. Clifton M. Horsey the night before he was killed.

Major Gendron played outside wing on the champion senior football team of 1913.

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT.

Members of the Faculty Rugby teams, who borrowed equipment from the Rugby Club, are requested to return their outfit at the earliest possible moment.

GEOFFREY THOMPSON KILLED IN ACTION.

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Lieut. G. A. Birks.

Lieut. Gerald Alfred Birks, Arch. '19, officially reported wounded, is the second son of W. M. Birks, 294 Stanley street, governor of the University. He was wounded on November 23. Lieut. Birks, although a qualified officer of the 5th Royal Highlanders of Canada, was unable to obtain an overseas appointment in a Canadian unit, so went to England to assist his uncle, Major Gerald Birks, in Y. M. C. A. work. While there, Lieut. Birks was offered a commission in the 73rd Battalion and went to France with that unit. His brother, Lieut. Henry Birks, of the 42nd Battalion, is now back in Canada on sick leave after being wounded at the front.



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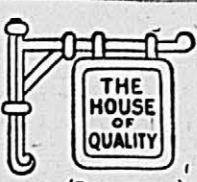
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History and Objects of the Macdonald College Y. M. C. A. are Traced—Second Patriotic Dance of the Session is Held—Editor Green Talks to the Macdonald College Juniors in the Matter of the 1918 Annual—Seniors Win First Indoor Baseball Game, While Juniors are Triumphant Over Freshmen for the Boving Soccer Trophy—Team of the 245th Battalion, Captained by Lieut. L. C. Raymond, a Member of the Junior Faculty of "Mac".

THE FUNCTIONS OF AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

In an article entitled "Too Many Agricultural Graduates?" which appeared in this paper a week ago, Prof. Lochhead, of Macdonald College, took the stand that there is little likelihood of our Canadian agricultural colleges turning out too many graduates. He corroborates this statement with an interesting sequence of ideas under the head of "The Functions of an Agricultural College," which it would seem fitting to publish here.

"Many people assume that the only function of agricultural colleges is to prepare young men to become better farmers. Our contention is that these colleges have a wider sphere of usefulness than the preparation of farmers only. While this is an important function, it is not the only function; and we would go so far as to say that it is not the most important one.

"We pointed out in our article one of the fields of work where properly qualified graduates may do most valuable service for agriculture. Persons in government positions, whose duties are to promote the interests of agriculture in every possible way, are well aware of the fact that they cannot make the progress they would like for the simple reason that many of the problems are as yet unsolved.

"In many respects practice has gone ahead of science, and further advance must wait for the achievements of science. Let us give an example or two of what we mean. How much do we really know about the soil, and the changes that occur therein? Thanks to the discoveries of scientists, farm practice has been greatly modified in the last twenty-five years on account of our increased knowledge of bacteria and the action of fertilizers. Much, however, still remains to be known before we will be in a position to use the soil to the best advantage in the production of crops. Again, while we are able to control Hessian Fly and many other insect pests, we are vaguely groping in the dark as to a satisfactory method of controlling white grubs and wireworms. Instances without number might be given where scientific inquiry has made little headway in the solution of problems in the wide field of agriculture.

"We want men who can advance agriculture by solving some of these problems, and the agricultural colleges also demands men who, although not investigators in the real sense of the word, can carry the latest results of investigations to the producers, and try to have them applied in practice. In this connection the valuable work of dairy instructors comes to mind, for these men have practically revolutionized the dairy industry. The County Representative is the latest application of this principle, but his sphere of work covers a wider area. Canada would be vastly enriched if a representative were placed in every township.

"Our conception of progressive agriculture involves not only intelligent farmers producing more and better products by up-to-date methods, but also leaders and experts who are able to disseminate and discover new and better methods so that production as well as profits may be still further increased.

"It is to the agricultural college that we must look for the preparation of the leaders and experts as well as the intelligent farmers."

THE MACDONALD COLLEGE Y. M. C. A.

To begin with, a short explanation of the purposes of the Association will not be out of order. Its main object is to develop a true and manly Christian character among its members. Here at Macdonald, our intellectual and physical growth is provided for by the College, its athletics, and its Officers' Training Corps, but no man's development can be considered complete, if the spiritual side of his nature be neglected. It is this neglect of the spiritual side of a man's nature that the Society at

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tempts to overcome, offering to him the opportunity of activity which is essentially character building.

One of the means, and the most important one being used at present to accomplish this purpose, is the Sunday morning meeting. The speakers at these meetings are generally recognized leaders or authorities, who deal with various topics.

The Y. M. C. A. has been fortunate thus far this year, in having secured some very good speakers on subjects which are of interest not only to every college student, but of special interest to us at Macdonald.

On Sunday, Oct. 15th, we were addressed by Dr. Lynde, of the Physics Department, who took for his subject "Service." This talk was addressed particularly to the Freshmen, but we all derived much benefit from it.

At this meeting it was suggested that one of the men from the School for Teachers should represent that body on the Executive. Mr. Crank was elected to the position.

At the Sunday morning service of Oct. 22nd, the Rev. Mr. McLeod addressed the meeting. His subject was, "What is the Goal of Your Life?" He emphasized the fact that we should have our ideals on the future, and not on things of the past; that we should be looking for Jesus' second coming and purifying ourselves even as He is pure; and lastly, that we should be more thoughtful, serious and earnest, as this life is not all, but only the fitting ground for a greater and nobler life beyond.

As there was no scheduled speaker for Oct. 29th, our worthy president, Mr. L. R. Jones read a very instructive chapter from a little work entitled, "As a man Thinketh," which struck us all quite forcibly, and gave us much food for thought.

After a few hymns the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The speaker for November 5th was Mr. Wilfred Sadler, who in his usual pleasing manner gave us a short resume of the life of David Lloyd George, the present Minister of Education in the Coalition Government of the Motherland.

Notwithstanding his short period of time given to Mr. Sadler, in which to prepare his address, he spoke with great interest and enthusiasm. Prof. Lochhead gave a very interesting and instructive address at the meeting held on Nov. 2th, taking for his subject some of the conditions in Germany responsible for the present war. As Prof. Lochhead's son, Dr. Lochhead, has been a prisoner in Germany since the war began, he is able to get much broader insight into happenings in the interior of that country than have many who have only heard from the outside on which to base their conclusions.

On Sunday, Nov. 19th, the speaker was Mr. Calhoun, Secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A., who spoke on the subject of "Bible Study." His address was quiet, clear, and to the point, plainly showing us all that we do not spend nearly as much time as we should on the study of the Scriptures.

The speaker for the meeting of November 26th, was Dr. Gifford, of the Wesleyan College, who took for his subject, "The Fight for Character." He showed us very concisely that this fight or character is the all important object of our lives, and that Jesus Christ was the only true and reliable pattern to model our lives after.

Dr. Gifford's address showed us how we one and all will have to go, before we can hope to reach the goal of a perfect Christian character.

In closing, I would remind the students that we are all members of this Association, and as members, it behoves us all to co-operate with the officers of the Association, and to aid them in every way possible. The best way in which we can do this is for us all to turn out for the Sunday morning meetings, thus giving the speakers, especially strangers from a distance, a hearty welcome to our college. Few speakers can express themselves well to empty seats; it is impossible for them to put as much vim and "pep" into their addresses as they would do, had they a crowd of listeners. May I also add a line of urgent protest against the extremely unpleasant habit of whistling, singing loudly, and slamming doors in the proximity of the gym, during the progress of these meetings. No speaker can enjoy giving an address to the above accompaniment, and I am sure that if we are all a little more thoughtful in this regard much annoyance will be done away with.

The executive of the Y. M. C. A. for the sessions of 1916-17 is as follows:

President—L. A. Jones, '17.

Vice-President—W. N. Jones, '18.

Sec-Treas.—J. W. Graham, '19.

Musical Leader—A. J. Buckland, '18.

Book Study Leader—To be elected.

Committee men—R. C. M. Fliske, '17; H. S. Mace, '18; D. Patenall, '19; A. L. Hay, '20; R. Templeton, '20.

G. C. C., '19.

THE SECOND DANCE.

The second of the series of three dances given in order to raise money with which to send Christmas boxes to our Macdonald boys at the front, came off on Saturday evening. The lucky girls this time were the ones whose names on the alphabetical list came between H. and P.

Great was the excitement in the Girls' Building during the afternoon in putting the finishing touches to the dresses, deciding which style of hairdressing was most becoming and whether dark or light slippers looked best with this or that dress. The frequent visits to the greenhouse, resulting in a number of bouquets finding their way to the Girls' Building, was proof of a little excitement on the part of the boys also.

Where did you get those lovely flowers? Oh, I forgot, you're going

to the dance to-night, you needn't tell me. I know. Have you any dances taken yet? Such were the questions of the afternoon.

Sharp at the appointed time, 7.15, we assembled at the trysting place ready to be chaperoned over to the Men's Building, where we were received by Dr. and Mrs. Harrison, Miss Stewart and the Presidents of the Dance Committees.

In a quarter of an hour nearly every one's programme was full, and the dance in full swing. And such a dance! With a good floor, good dancers and good music, what could one expect! We greatly appreciated the numbers played by Mrs. Harrison. All were ready for a good time, and judging by the faces of the dancers and the exclamations of disappointment when the last number on the programme was over, every one did enjoy themselves immensely. We quite forgot the fact that supper was left out of the programme, but we got a dance in its place, which was appreciated more, and the punch and fudge were indulged in and enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks are due Dr. Harrison for giving us the privilege of prolonging the programme a little. We all agree with the remark made by one of those present, "If the third dance could be better than either of these two, it will have to be some dance."

It was a satisfaction to know that the dance was not only for our own enjoyment, but also to give our boys at the Front a bit of Christmas cheer.

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THE '18 ANNUAL.

Last Thursday, V. S. Green, Arts 18, Editor-in-Chief of the Annual, visited Macdonald to talk to the juniors about this year's volume.

A meeting of Class '18 was held at noon, and Mr. Green explained the unusual difficulties which confront his year's Board in attempting to produce an Annual which will do justice to the well known reputation this volume has always enjoyed in the past. He mentioned the method of financing adopted this year at McGill, and then threw the meeting open for discussion on how the Agricultural Faculty would handle their end of the Annual.

It developed immediately that the Juniors at Macdonald were eager to have the quality and the size of the Annual maintained in so far as is consistent with the smaller body of students there are this year to bear the expense. The Annual is the heaviest responsibility the Junior year, as a whole, is called upon to shoulder. In after years it will be our reminder of the years spent with our Alma Mater, and it was the opinion of the Juniors in Agriculture that every nerve should be strained (and